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For: STAINLESS STEEL WIRE, SPRING AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SPRING

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the International Preliminary Report on Patentability and Written Opinion listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the International Preliminary Report on Patentability and Written Opinion be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the International Preliminary Report on Patentability and Written Opinion be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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